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Mr. Michael Rudd
Director
Office of Personnel and Labor Relations
Veterans Administration
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Rudd:

This letter is in response to Mr. Walters' request of January 4, 1985 for nominees from the Central Intelligence Agency for the Chief Benefits Director vacancy at the Veterans Administration.

At this time we have not been able to identify a well qualified executive who is interested in this position. However, we are most appreciative of the opportunity afforded us to nominate one of our career employees for such a high level and important position in the Veterans Administration.

Sincerely,

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for Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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CHIEF BENEFITS DIRECTOR - VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

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Honorable William J. Casey
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Mr. Casey:

The purpose of this letter is to request your assistance in identifying potential candidates for the position of Chief Benefits Director of the Veterans Administration. As you may already know, Miss Dorothy L. Starbuck retired from this position on December 21, 1984.

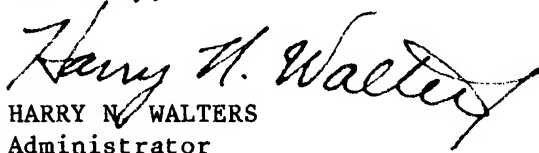
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This position is in the Senior Executive Service and qualified noncareer candidates will be considered as well as individuals eligible for reassignment, transfer or reinstatement as a career Senior Executive. If possible, I would appreciate receiving your recommendations by January 25, 1985. Correspondence on this matter should be sent to:

Michael Rudd
Director, Office of Personnel
and Labor Relations (05)
Veterans Administration
Washington, D.C. 20420

I feel that the selection of a Chief Benefits Director is one of the most important decisions I will make as Administrator, and I will deeply appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Sincerely,


HARRY N. WALTERS
Administrator

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